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WITHDRAWAL

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SUMMARY: KUWAITI PRESS REACTION TO OMANI ANNOUNCEMENT THAT
IRANIAN TROOPS ARE BEING WITHDRAWN FROM DHOFAR HAS BEEN VERY
FAVORABLE. GOVERNMENT COMMENTS HAVE BEEN MORE GUARDED. END
SUMMARY

1. THE REACTION OF THE KUWAITI PRESS, WHICH HAS BEEN NO
FRIENDS OF OMAN, TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IRANIAN TROOPS
ARE BEING WITHDRAWN FROM DHOFAR HAS BEEN MOST FAVORABLE. IT
STATES THIS IS THE MOST ENCOURAGING NEWS TO COME FROM THE
ARABIAN PENINSULA FOR A LONG TIME. NOT ONLY DOES THIS MEAN
AN END TO "FOREIGN" INTERVENTION, IT ALSO MEANS THAT SITUATION
HAS STABILIZED TO SUCH A DEGREE THIS MOVE CAN BE MADE. PAPERS
POINT OUT THE WAR WAS STARTED AGAINST THE TYRANNICAL EX-SULTAN
SA'ID BIN TAYMUR AND THAT SULTAN QABUS HAS SOUGHT TO ELIMINATE
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ALL PAST INJUSTICES OF THE REGION. ARAB VS ARAB WARS MUST

END. SETTLEMENT OF THE DHOFAR REBELLION WILL PERMIT DEVELOPMENT
IN THE SOUTHERN ARABIAN PENINSULA, WHICH WILL BE AIDED BY THE
OPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER SABAH AL-AHMAD, RESPONDING TO QUESTION AT
PRESS CONFERENCE ON IRANIAN WITHDRAWAL, STATED THAT TO DATE
KUWAIT HAD OBSERVED THE IRANIAN WITHDRAWAL IN PRESS REPORTS.
IMPLICATION WAS THAT THE GOK WILL RESERVE JUDGMENT UNTIL
THE WITHDRAWAL CAN BE CONFIRMED BY FACTS. ESSA AL-HAMAD,
DIRECTOR, POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
MADE CLEAR IN CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE OCT 15 THAT GOK
CONSIDERED OMANI ANNOUNCEMENT "SUSPECT".
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